Patent 5,540,680, which in turn was a continuation in part application of U.S. Patent splication of now U.S. Patent No. 5,354, 295, which in turn was a continuation in part of U.S. Patent, 5,122,136.

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## In the Claims

Please cancel Claims 33 and 43 without prejudice.

Please amend the claims as follows.

1 (once amended) An apparatus for use in formation of an occlusion

- 2 used in combination with a catheter comprising:
- an electrolyzable core wire having a distal portion; and
- 4 a separable elongate tip portion extending said core wire and coupled to
- 5 said distal portion of said core wire, said separable elongate tip portion for
- 6 insertion within a body cavity, said separable elongate tip portion not resistant to
- 7 electrolytic disintegration in fluid as compared to said electrolyzable core wire,
- 8 and said separable elongate tip portion being detachable from said core wire by
- 9 electrolysis,
- wherein said separable elongate tip portion is a long and substantially
- 11 flexible segment and is comprised of a metal not as susceptible to electrolytic
- 12 disintegration within fluid as said core wire, and

wherein said long and flexible segment is prebiased to form a helix when extended from said catheter.

<sup>1</sup> 11	40.	(once amended)	The method of Claim	35 further	comprising	the
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- 2 step of repeating said steps of disposing a separable distal tip of a wire,
- 3 [disposing a separable distal tip,] and electrolytically detaching said distal tip,
- 4 wherein a plurality of said distal tips are separated and disposed in said body
- 5 cavity to collectively form an occlusion in said body cavity.

1 (once amended) A method of using a catheter to form an occlusion

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disposing an electrolyzable core wire near the situs of said occlusion;

disposing a separable elongate tip portion extending from and coupled to

said core wire at said situs of said occlusion, said separable elongate tip portion

6 being more resistant to electrolytic disintegration in fluid than said electrolyzable

7 core wire, and being a long and substantially flexible segment prebiased to form

a helix when extended from said catheter; and

detaching said separable clongate tip portion from said core wire by

10 electrolysis.